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Tomas Cihlar) Docket No. 240.1PCD

Divisional of Serial No: 09/330,245)

Filed: June 10, 1999)

Title: NOVEL GENE ENCODING ORGANIC)
ANION TRANSPORTER)

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend this application as follows:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

Please insert the following cross-reference to related applications:

--This application is a divisional of application serial no. 09/330,245, filed June 10, 1999, pending which is a continuation of provisional application serial no. 60/088,864, filed June 11, 1998, now abandoned, and provisional application serial no. 60/132,267, filed May 3, 1999, now abandoned.--

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 15, 16, and 19.

Respectfully submitted,



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